

REMARKS

The Office Action has been received and reviewed. In the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected, and two claims were deemed allowable (claims 4 and 5). In response to the Office Action, applicant amended claims 1 and 11, and also included new claims 13-23. Claim 12 has been amended to improve readability, claim 5 has been amended to correct a spelling error, and paragraph 0009 has been amended to correct a spelling error.

If there are questions about this Response, please contact the undersigned. In view of the remarks, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Specification

Paragraph 0009 included six instances of the word "axel". It is respectfully submitted that the word should have been spelled "axle". To correct this misspelling, paragraph 0009 has been amended herein.

Claim Amendments

The changes to the set of claims have been made to expedite prosecution of this application. No other reason should be attributed to the amendments.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended herein. Amended claim 1 and amended claim 11 include the limitations of original claim 4.

Original claim 4 was deemed allowable in the Office Action. As such, amended claim 1 and amended claim 11 are allowable.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, and claim 12 depends from claim 11. These dependent claims have all the features of the claims from which they depend. As such, claims 2-10 and 12 are allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 and claim 11 are allowable.

New claim 13 includes all the limitations of original claim 5. Original claim 5 was deemed allowable in the Office Action. As such, claim 13 is allowable. The claims which depend from claim 13, namely claims 14-21 include all the limitations of claim 13. As such, claims 14-21 are allowable for the same reasons that claim 13 is allowable.

New claim 22 includes all the limitations of original claim 11 plus the limitations of original claim 5. Original claim 5 was deemed allowable in the Office Action. As such, claim 22 is allowable. Claim 23 depends from claim 22, and therefore includes all the limitations of claim 22. Consequently, claim 23 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 22 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted a full and complete response to the Office Action has been made. The claims are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Applicant believes that no extension-of-time is needed to enter this *Response*. If an extension-of-time is needed, please consider this as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to enter this *Response*, and please charge the related fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

The Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney if any questions remain following review of this response. If it will help, the undersigned is willing to explain by telephone or in person, the reasons the claims are allowable.

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Exhibit A

[0009] With reference to Figure 3A, Figure 3B and Figure 4, any of the rollers 13, 14 may have an axel axle 28 and a wheel 16 disposed about the axel axle 28. Bearings 31 may be used to support the axel axle 28, for example with the toe portion 10 or bulkhead 22, as the case may be. The wheel 16 may rotate about the axel axle 28 and also support some or all of the weight of an object supported by the hand truck 8. In such an arrangement, the weight sensor 25 may be arranged so as to sense the weight carried by the axel axle 28. For example, the weight sensor 25 may be mounted to the axel axle 28. A weight sensor 25 may also be placed on the bulkhead 22. See Figure 4.